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Special Issue On Our Christian World Mission

The Commission On Our Christian World Mission asked the privilege of using this issue of SOUTHEAST NEWS to tell the story of what the money you give to missions is doing in our conference and associations, and to give a glimpse of the outreach of a local church through what our church is doing around the world.

On these pages you will find what each church in the conference is asked to give to Our Christian World Mission. Throughout the entire issue you will find some things your mission dollar is doing. That we keep for our own use within the Southeast Conference sev-

enty-five cents of every mission dollar is not an inspiring thought when we know the needs of the world we are trying to reach for Christ.

If our churches will accept the goals presented herein we can change the one-sided amount we keep and share more generously with the world-wide program of Our Christian World Mission, and at the same time have more with which to work in our conference.

We are printing 200 extra copies of this issue which we hope our pastors and churches will call for and use — then pass them on!

DR. LESTER GIVES WORLD MISSION PICTURE

by W. J. Andes, Conference Minister

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point, North Carolina, have just returned from a four-months visit to United Church missions overseas. Although they were scheduled to rest until November, they agreed, by special request, to speak to the Southeast Association meetings this fall.

The Lesters had originally planned their trip overseas to visit their daughter Elizabeth, teaching at Kobe College, Japan. The Board of World Ministries asked them to visit missions around the world June 8 - September 28th. They were asked to report back on what the church is doing and what difference it is making. They spent a month in Japan and lived in a Japanese house, learning much of the customs. Elizabeth decided to teach another year at Kobe College and not return home this summer as planned.

In Japan, they learned that sometimes a minister's wife operates a kindergarten, thus bringing in another salary, which is needed.

In India, a minister serves 10-20 churches, and receives a salary of \$10-20 a month. Dr. Ed Riggs is living and working without any modern conveniences. With no electricity, they even boil water for the hospital.

The Lesters visited 17 countries and landed in 3 others. They talked with 150 missionaries and saw 78 of their children. Dr. Lester asked the missionaries, "What do you want us to say to the churches of America?"

"Tell them two things," they said.

1. "Tell the people back home to send us some more workers." In one school, they need 23 workers. In Turkey, the school at Tallas is being closed because they cannot find 6 teachers. Dr. Lester was asked to stay and teach Bible in Japan.

2. "Tell the people to send us some more money." In many places, mission work is being discontinued because of lack of money.

"Some of our churches," he said, "have quit sending their money for missions because they are afraid it will not go to the right place. How short-sighted we are," he said, "when we use these petty reasons to deny people the opportunity of hearing the gospel, or reading the Bible." One woman was teaching Bible to 300 students with only 11 Bibles in the library.

Some of the churches bombed out in World War II have not been rebuilt. A simple altar has been erected and the people worship in the open air.

Dr. Lester said, "We found a living church with inadequate facilities. They want to hear from us in people, money, and prayers. They do not want all prayers — they need people and money. There is simply no reason to close a school in Turkey because we cannot find six people to teach in that school."

Let's face it — we either support our mission work around the world or we let some non-Christian group take over. What are we going to do about it?

NEWS FROM OUR NEW CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

OUR NEW CHURCH

AT BONANZA

by Floyd Carmack, Missioner

Bonanza is located about 25 miles south of Atlanta, Ga., on Highway 41 & 75 South. Bonanza is an all-electrical city. There are about 120 families here at the present time. There is only one person here who has ever been a member of the old Congregational Church. The rest are mostly Baptist, Methodist, etc. . . . This is a unique situation for our church because for one time we are in a situation before the other denominations arrive.

We have visited in all the homes in Bonanza and have found a keen interest in what we are trying to do. We have some 10 families that have pledged to come and be with us at our first service on Sunday, November 6. We will be having church at 11:00 o'clock for the first few weeks, and then we hope to have Sunday School for all age groups, along with a nursery.

We will be using the community office at Bonanza. Mr. Sullivan, the owner, has been very helpful in this and other matters. We can seat 50 people in the room that we will be using. At this point we have 125 hymnals, 50 chairs, a pulpit, a piano, and a table to serve as a communion table. So you see, we are open for business.

The Carmacks are real proud of their living quarters. We live in a beautiful Dutch Colonial type house. A picture of the house was in last month's News. Our denomination, along with the Southeast Conference, has much faith in the situation here at Bonanza. To see this, one has only to look at the amount of money our denomination is investing in Bonanza: some \$42,000 at this point. We own three acres of land.

You may ask, "How is this debt to be paid?" This debt is being paid and will be paid by dedicated men and women all over the world. Men and women who take Jesus at His word when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Bonanza just happens to be a part of this world Jesus was talking about. Every mission dollar each person gives helps to keep things moving, not only here at Bonanza, but at Montgomery, Huntsville, and all over the world. Our mission

WHY WE ARE

IN MONTGOMERY

by John L. Martin, Missioner

Montgomery is an "over churching" city. Corner after corner and block after block is filled with beautiful sanctuaries and impressive educational buildings. How then can we justify the establishing of yet another church and the expense and difficulty that are inevitable in such an undertaking? Only if that church has something unique to offer, something to say that is not being said in the already existing churches.

When one observes the main flow of religious life and thought in this city one is aware that something is definitely not being said that desperately needs to be said. The lack of social concern and the theological fundamentalism that control most of the congregations indicate an approach to the Christian faith more in keeping with the nineteenth than the twentieth century. The need obviously is for a church that will demonstrate the deep social concern that Christ expects of his church as well as the dynamic nature of a genuinely "liberal" theology. This I feel Montgomery needs and this is precisely what our church is attempting to offer.

To accomplish this we have sought new methods of understanding and communicating the role of the church in our day. One Sunday evening each month we have a program which we call "Dialogue With the World". The purpose being to let the "world" come into the church and give us its im-

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dollars help to feed hungry souls, keep our schools and colleges open, help hospitals to minister to the sick, train our young men for some Christian vocation, and keep our missionaries proclaiming the "good news of Christ's saving grace."

In order for us to have more situations like Bonanza each individual will have to do his or her share. Neither churches nor people can exist without missions. If they try they will die.

You may wonder how else you can help us here at Bonanza. One of the best things that you could do for us is to support a program of missions in your church. If you do not give to missions, why not start now? You can

Huntsville To Build

"Planning to Build — an approach to church building," written by August Burchardt and John E. Morse, has been used by the Huntsville church as a guide in the preparation of their building study report. August Burchardt, of the United Church Board of Homeland Ministries, visited the Huntsville Church in October of 1965 to start their church building program. The Huntsville congregation approved the use of the guide and after six months of total congregational involvement in study and report-writing, the building study committee's reports were submitted to the congregation for approval in June, 1966. These reports covered the areas of Worship, Christian Education, Fellowship and Recreation, Administrative Facility, and Survey. An executive group correlated the reports and distributed a published draft to the congregation for review. Congregational action was taken on November 6, 1966 to approve the draft as their building guide. At present, preliminary planning for the financial drive is proceeding, and architects are being investigated.

In addition to all this pre-building activity, a full regular program of church life is being maintained, including an active church school, evangelical visitations by lay members, and fellowship activities.

After having a slight slippage below our budget during the first part of the year we are now back within our budget.

Adult attendance at Sunday worship service averages around 50. One new member has been received into the congregation. Since June, four other persons have been regular visitors and very likely will desire to be received as charter members this year.

All church activities are operating at near normal, even without a pastor. I hope this will be a sign for above normal functioning of our group when we again have a full-time pastor, and launch into a full scale financial drive.

send us the names of those who may be interested in this kind of church who have moved into this area. Above all, you can pray for us. If this church is going to be what the Lord Jesus Christ wants it to be, then we are going to have to pray for each other that His will may be done, not ours.

Our Christian World Mission Goals For 1967

(These goals were established by a formula which is based on two (2) factors: **Membership** and **Local Expenses** as given in the 1966 Year Book—provided that no church will have a goal representing less than a 5% increase over 1965 nor more than a 30% increase).

Note: Since our Conference, National Boards and Agencies have obligations that make constant demands upon them, we earnestly request the churches to send their apportionments at least quarterly. Thank you!

ALABAMA	Goal
Alpine, King's Chapel	85.
Andalusia, Antioch	87.
Andalusia, First	50.
Anniston, First	208.
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	30.
Athens, Trinity	150.
Birmingham, First	1,142.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,804.
Birmingham, St. John's	1,071.
Brantley, Indian Creek	50.
Brantley, Liberty	50.
Caddo, Cong'l Christian	163.
Clio, New Hope	130.
Cullman, St. John's	1,039.
East Tallassee, C. C.	585.
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	50.
Garden City, Cong'l	240.
Hackelburg, Fairview	100.
Haleyville, Union Grove	100.
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	100.
Headland, Blackwood	582.
Houston, Liberty Hill	50.
Huntsville, United	2,107.
Marion, First	80.
Midland City, Chr. Hill	33.
Montgomery, First	484.
Montgomery, United	811.
Moulton, Jones' Chapel	75.
Mt. Creek, Union	50.
Selma, First	78.
Seman, Community	50.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	52.
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	117.
Talladega, First	72.
Town Creek, Old Liberty	75.
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	53.

EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

It has been the consensus that "The Stairway of Progress" in use for several years has not been effective. The Executive Committee, out of its concern to get better response from the churches, recommended the following OCWM goals for the churches. The recommendation was approved. Some of the churches have already indicated their acceptance. The goals are in ef-

fect for 1966-1967.

Antioch	250.
Antioch (Newsite)	10.
Bethany	250.
Bethel (A)	
Bethel, West Point	250.
Beulah	100.
Cavers Grove	50.
Corinth	250.
Elder	250.
Forest Home	150.
Huguley	150.
Hillside, LaGrange	300.
Hunt Memorial	50.
Langdale	3,000.
Lowell	300.
Lanett	4,000.
Mt. Zion	150.
New Hope	250.
Noonday	250.
New Harmony	50.
Pisgah	50.
Pleasant Grove	250.
Roanoke, First	300.
Rock Stand	250.
Rock Springs	50.
State Line	100.
Todd	250.
Phenix City	250.
Wadley	600.
Russell Woods	250.

FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope	100.
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	50.
Bonifay, New Effort	50.
Crestview, Dorcas	39.

GEORGIA

Ambrose, Christian	13.
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	25.
Atlanta, Center	130.
Atlanta, Central	5,094.
Atlanta, First	3,250.
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	351.
Barnesville, Fredonia	483.
Baxley, Friendship	50.
Beachton, Evergreen	130.
Bowman, Liberty	56.
Braselton, Macedonia	60.
Bristol, Antioch	50.
Buford, Duncan's Creek	100.
Columbus, First	390.
Columbus, United	65.
Crest, Hebron	25.
Demorest, Federated	403.
Doerun, New Light	25.
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	50.
Douglas, First	100.
Enigma, Christian	100.
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	47.
LaGrange, United	1,320.
Macon, First	110.

Meansville, First	50.
McIntosh, Midway	65.
Pearson, Union Hill	265.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	689.
Richland, First	33.
Richland, Providence Chapel	50.
Savannah, First	390.
Thomasville, Bethany	92.
Tifton, Vanceville	100.
Waycross, Williams' Chapel	260.
Woodbury, Jones' Chapel	39.

KENTUCKY

Evarts, First	935.
Stearns, Community	25.

MISSISSIPPI

Tougaloo, Union	252.
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston, Circular	1,125.
Charleston, Plymouth	326.

TENNESSEE

Belvidere, First	2,518.
Ohattanooga, First	308.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	5,656.
Crossville, First	847.
Daisy, Cong'l	300.
Deer Lodge, Cong'l	255.
Glen Mary, Cong'l	109.
Knoxville, First	270.
Nashville, Brookmeade	900.
Nashville, First	2,474.
Nashville, Fisk Union	300.
Nashville, Howard	423.
Pleasant Hill, Community	952.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	160.
Soddy, First	260.
Sweetwater, First	163.

Aid To Churches, Ministers In SE Conference, 1966

	SE Conf.	Nat'l Board
North Alabama Area Minister		900.
East Alabama Area Minister	600.	400.
Rev. Homer Barnes	36.	
Rev. R. M. Waugh	100.	
Bonanza (Interest)	758.	
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.	
Brantley, Liberty	100.	
Caddo, Cong'l Chr.	200.	
Charleston, Circular	500.	1,250.
Columbus, First	600.	
Haleyville, Union Gr.	150.	
Huntsville, United	500.	3,000.
Montgomery, United	1,000.	4,500.
Nashville, Brookmeade	1,375.	1,375.
Nashville Howard	1,500.	3,000.
Pleasant Hill, Comm.	500.	500.
Robbins Parish		4,000.
Sweetwater, First	600.	1,200.
West Point, Bethel	600.	
TOTALS	9,219.	20,125.

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Memorial To The Rev. William M. Fulmer

During the Central Alabama Association meeting on Sunday, October 16, 1966, at the Balm of Gilead Church, a fitting tribute was paid to the Rev. William M. Fulmer by the Moderator, Mr. Fred D. Powell. At the conclusion of his remarks, he, on behalf of the Association, presented two offering plates to the Balm of Gilead Church and a pulpit Bible to the Watson's Chapel Church in memory of Mr. Fulmer. At the time of his death Mr. Fulmer was serving as pastor of these two churches. The dedicatory prayer was made by the Rev. G. Graham Norris, the newly elected Moderator of the Central Alabama Association. Following the prayer, the Offering for Ministerial Relief was received, using the two new offering plates.

Money Received From National Board

To date, in 1966, the Board for Homeland Ministries has given for various projects in the area of the Southeast Conference, the following:

CHURCH EXTENSION:

For down payment on new parsonage for United Church of South Montgomery	\$4,500.00
For down payment on new parsonage at Bonanza	\$5,000.00
For scholarship aid	\$2,650.00
Moving expenses and other incidentals	\$ 532.47
For work of Conference	\$ 333.33
Designated for church extension	
—Regular Budget	\$20,125.00
TOTAL	\$33,140.80

Stewardship Workshop Held At Lanett

by A. R. Van Cleave

I am sure that all of us who were privileged to attend the Stewardship Workshop at Lanett found in it an experience of unusual value. A program like this presented to the churches throughout the nation surely represents one of the most significant and imaginative approaches to a great problem within our churches.

First of all, many of the churches were included. Thought and planning had gone into the program, so time was not wasted. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar was able to give competent and inspiring leadership. Within the program there was the opportunity to see an undesirable church program with respect to stewardship, or rather, one where there was no real understanding of the true meaning of stewardship. The delegates had a chance to discuss the problem among themselves, and then to see what a good program should include.

In my judgment, because of this workshop experience, many churches will have a new vision and a new program as they face the realities of our modern day.

Montgomery . . .

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pression of the church. We are using various art forms (films, drama, paintings, etc.) and speakers who are not involved in the organized church.

We are also encouraging our people to participate in community programs such as Head Start, Women in Community Service, Alabama Council on Human Relations, etc. We have found that these groups are ministering more directly to the world than most church groups and need the support of concerned Christians.

Another aspect of our work is the development of small groups in which we study what it means to be the church in our time. Every other Thursday evening one group meets in the minister's home and studies George Webber's *The Congregation In Mission*. The group is composed of three members of our church and four members of other denominations. This is an attempt to minimize denominational differences and to major on our common

45th Stewardship Project

Attention: Pastors and Young People

The 45th Annual Stewardship Project is now under way. It offers our young people an excellent opportunity to participate in an educational venture in Christian Stewardship from which they and their local churches can profit greatly.

EVERY PASTOR HAS RECEIVED FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., all the information necessary to conduct a contest in a local church. The theme this year is STEWARDSHIP OF ABUNDANCE. There are five groups that can participate: Group A, 5th and 6th grades, Subject: "Sharing What I Have." Group B, 7th and 8th grades, Subject: "Giving My Best." Group C, 9th and 10th grades, Subject: "Using My Advantages As a Christian." Group D, Subject: "Christian Choices In a Time of Plenty."

The Manual, received by your pastor and church school superintendent, gives you all the details as to how you may enter by writing an essay on the subject for your age group, or making a poster, or developing a poster-essay. How many words in your composition, or how many pictures on your poster, together with the rules for playing the game, are all in the Manual. See your pastor immediately. If he has mislaid the information, write to the Stewardship Council for complete instructions. The contest is on! You have until February 15, 1967, to do your work and report it to your pastor or project committee.

After judging the best two entries in each group by the proper persons in your local church, please see that they are sent to the undersigned. They will be judged on the conference level and the nominees sent to the Stewardship Council for judging on the national level. If there is any way we can help you, please write:

The Reverend Jesse H. Dollar
Southeast Conference Chairman
51 Lakeview Drive
Roanoke, Alabama 36274

tasks.

Yet, I would not deceive. We are not growing by leaps and bounds and some of the members of our congregation do not participate in these efforts. But we earnestly believe that Montgomery needs this kind of church. That is why we are here.

Stewardship Movies, Plays And Film Strips

Stewardship concerns "come alive" in churches where people see reenacted before them situations of genuine need.

The following 16 mm. Sound Motion Pictures (requiring a 16mm. sound motion picture projector) deal with stewardship and are available from the Southeast Conference office:

AND NOW I SEE: A dramatic presentation showing how George Miller, a business man elected to the official board of his church, grows in his understanding of the truth that "It is God's work, not our own, that we are here to do." For Youth and Adults. 36 minutes.

A GIFT FOR MY SON: A church trustee learns the role of his church in Our Christian World Mission through the presentation of Dr. Alford Carleton of the United Church Board for World Ministries and Dr. Truman B. Douglass of the Board for Homeland Ministries. Junior High-Adult. 29 minutes.

PROFILES OF PROMISE: Dramatizes the new look in the churches' overseas ministry to people in need. Holds particular interest for churches of the United Church of Christ. Junior High-Adult. 28 minutes.

Wills Emphasis Kit (2 filmstrips):

1. **FOR ALL YOU LOVE:** Dramatizes the story of making a will which provides for continuing Christian stewardship. Color, 33 1/3 record, 14 minutes.

2. **WHAT WILL YOU DO?** Introduces reasons for the church's concern in making a will; identifies responsibility and sketches the actual steps in making a will. Color, 33 1/3 record, 9 minutes.

Even better than motion pictures or filmstrips are stewardship plays; through acting, the participants identify themselves with the characters whose roles they play.

THERE WERE TWELVE is an excellent collection of twelve stewardship plays by Robert Casemore. Some plays are seasonal, some are for men's groups, for youth groups, for women's groups, or for casts including children. Simple staging, props, costumes and lighting are utilized. The collection, bound in one volume, is priced at \$1.00 and is available from the United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

In addition, several 35mm. film-

Calendar Of Prayer

Effective use can be made of The Calendar Of Prayer (a book which lists every one of the missionaries of our Board for World Ministries — each one and his work on each day of the year).

Use the Calendar by securing two copies and cutting out each missionary and posting on the bulletin board — six each Sunday with dates when members are to remember these servants in their prayers.

Or have organizations use the calendar for weekly worship services or as subjects of the prayer before Mitzpah.

Such attention to our workers in the mission fields may lead some groups or individuals to request a subscription service to receive letters each month from these people.

strips (requiring a 35mm. filmstrip projector — still pictures) help to visualize the meaning of Christian stewardship.

MIRACLE OF WARREN WALKER: Cartoon-style drawings tell of the vision of Warren Walker, an humble carpenter, who came to see that the money he earns is really a part of himself, that when he gives his money he actually gives a part of himself to help meet the medical, educational and evangelistic needs of people in all parts of the world. Color, 33 1/3 record, 20 minutes.

THE PLAN: Designed to involve . . . young people in a discussion of stewardship and their responsibilities as Christian stewards. Bill and Betty, Joe and Jean focus attention on problems of teens' being good stewards, giving assurance that such is their desire. Raises three basic questions: How can I fulfill my part in The Plan? How is the Gospel to be shared today? What is my part in it? Color, 33 1/3 record, 11 minutes.

The two following plays may be purchased from Friendship Press, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

TAKE ANY STREET, by Helen Kromer. Tragedy forces a family to re-evaluate its way of life in this play based on happenings that might take place in any town of the United States. 4 men, 5 women. 50c per copy.

REMIND ME TO LIVE, by Allen Lemmon Hale. A "successful" organization man is forced to face his essential failure as a human being when a family crisis develops. 2 men, 3 women. 50c per copy.

Moments Of Concern

Hopefully your church is now, or at some time has made use of the method of designating a few minutes at each worship service to set before the congregation facts about OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

These can be helpful if you will use the information in TASK FORCE.

The writer has found that not every congregation is motivated to give until the message is presented in quite informal manner and in as meaningful synonyms as possible. A little imagination and a great deal of understanding of what appeals to the given congregation is all that is needed.

Churches will find that such moments serve to educate their members and to involve individuals in seeking to lift the standard of giving, if as large number as possible during the year perform their lay ministry by preparing and presenting small paragraphs at the morning worship.

Example:

"_____, son of Mr. and Mrs. _____, is home from Vietnam. We happily welcome his safe return.

I talked with him about his visit while on furlough to Hong Kong. He enjoyed Hong Kong and could tell me something of the millions of refugees there and of their poverty, lack of housing, hunger and ill health. He was so happy to have me tell him that his church is aware of this great need and that through Church World Service the United Church of Christ shares in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and ministering to the sick. I expect this knowledge will make you feel better too when you read of the suffering in Hong Kong — to know that your church — this church along with all the churches of the United Church of Christ is in reality yours, and yours, and yours — is present there ministering to this need.

One of the goals of our United Church Of Christ during 1967, one of our Targets Ahead, is to seek additional funds to contribute our share toward the building of a new hospital so badly needed in Hong Kong.

Think about it as you send your offering to the altar in this morning's offering."

Mrs. Robert C. Johnson

A Christian's Privileges

Recently I attended an interesting and inspiring workshop on Christian Enlistment held in Chattanooga, Tenn. The leader, Mr. Martin Lewis, of the Brookmeade United Church in Nashville, has recently decided to go into the ministry. His own life enlistment enabled him to give his workshop group many helpful suggestions for local church participation in the Christian Enlistment.

Each local church group was asked to map a plan that they might use. The Nashville group, the Reverend John

Roemer and I, worked out the following plan.

Early in October, by means of the church "News Letter," each member will be informed of the Christian Enlistment program for the next year.

Later in October a letter will be sent with a copy of the proposed budget for 1967. Dates will be announced for congregational cottage meetings to be held in homes in different localities. Each church member will have the privilege of expressing opinions, clarifying his understanding of the budget, and making suggestions. We plan to use materials sent from the Steward-

ship Council, especially the "Peanut Calendar." Each cottage meeting will begin with a Bible study, as suggested at the Christian Enlistment Workshop.

Early in November a third letter will be sent, with the pledge cards. The date will be set for the ingathering of pledges to the church. This will be held following a Sunday morning worship service and a congregational dinner.

This plan, we feel and hope, will bring each member to the realization of the great privilege of Christian Enlistment.

Mrs. G. B. Harris, Junior



Christmas Fund
for the
VETERANS of the CROSS

THEY SHALL NOT WANT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CHRISTMAS FUND. SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

<small>THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF 287 PARK AVENUE SOUTH NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019</small>	<small>THE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF OF THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH 1505 RACE ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19102</small>
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Christmas Fund for the Veterans Of The Cross

The Veterans of the Cross, the retired ministers and their wives or their widows, are held affectionately in the care of the churches. It is declared that they shall not want as the annual Christmas Fund Appeal is made to the whole United Church. The ministries of the Fund are performed by the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief and the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Christmas Fund cares for retired ministers and their wives and for the widows of these men. For many of these retirees, pensions based on small salaries, or rendered less in purchasing power by inflation, are inadequate in times of emergency and crisis. The Christmas Fund goes into action with Christmas checks and with a year round ministry of emergency grants.

The 1965 Christmas Fund was the best in history. Because of this, emergency needs have been met. The resulting expressions of gratitude testify to the necessity for and the effectiveness of the ministry performed.

You will want to participate this year. Do it directly or through your Church. Look for the poster and for the Christmas Fund leaflet. Send contributions to The Christmas Fund, The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, New York, 10019; or to the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19102. Make checks payable to The Christmas Fund.